Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 at 14:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for next couple of days, low for all details by the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023: Dry in morning and early afternoon then clouding over with snow spreading in. Winds strengthening in evening with blizzards on upper slopes.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Light snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	30%	20%	<05%	30%	80%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Weather: Mostly dry overnight and in the morning, perhaps the odd snow shower towards Mull and northern Lochaber for a time. Some sunshine at first though cloud thickening up later in the morning. Then by mid afternoon occasional snow starting to develop, initially light but becoming heavier towards evening. Blizzard conditions developing on the upper slopes The snow turning to rain over Arran and west coast hills late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% in morning and early afternoon, though 60% at first over Mull and North Lochaber, then falling steadily to 10-20% by the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional cloud at 600-800m near any showers at first in north but for most, the morning and early afternoon seeing little low cloud and good visibility. Then cloud gradually lowering through the second half of the afternoon and into the evening to 400-600m with snow bringing poor visibility below this too.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/23 S	21/26 S	16/20 S	15/19 S	17/22 S	18/24 SE	25/34 SE	32/43 SE	28/39 SE
900	10/13 SW	11/16 SW	12/16 S	12/16 S	13/18 S	16/23 SE	20/29 SE	24/35 SE	22/32 SE
600	11/15 SW	11/15 SW	11/14 S	13/17 S	14/19 S	18/26 S	19/28 SE	24/35 SE	17/27 SE
300	7/9 SW	6/9 S	7/10 S	6/11 S	8/13 S	10/18 SE	15/27 SE	19/33 SE	16/30 E
Glen	2/4 SW	1/3 SE	3/7 S	3/9 S	6/13 S	9/19 SE	9/21 E	14/29 E	7/16 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-17	-8/-18	-8/-16	-7/-14	-6/-14	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-15	-4/-13
900	-7/-13	-6/-13	-6/-12	-4/-10	-3/-9	-3/-10	-4/-11	-4/-12	-3/-11
600	-4/-9	-4/-9	-3/-8	-2/-7	-0/-6	-0/-6	0/-5	2/-5	2/-4
300	-1/-5	-1/-4	-1/-4	1/-2	2/-1	2/-2	1/-5	0/-6	2/-4
Glen	-0/-2	-0/-2	-0/-2	2/1	5/2	4/1	3/-1	3/-1	4/1
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	200m	300m	300m	300m	300m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Mar 2023
Weather: Remaining snow turning to rain at all levels in early hours then remaining cloudy with further rain, heavy at times, turning more showery during the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southeast 30 gusts 40mph in early hours becoming southerly 25mph in the morning then southwest 30 gusts 40mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 600-900m with bases below 450m in west until mid afternoon. Poor visibility at times below the cloud in rain or showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero at midnight slowly picking up to Plus 2 by morning but a quicker rise near west coast, where lifting to 10 Celsius in morning with inland areas reaching 8 Celsius in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 at first in early hours but lifting to Plus 4 before morning and Plus 6 during the day.
Freezing level: 300m at first in early hours in north and east but above all summits by morning.

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